

and Ukraine lending his expertise in the development of democracy and governance. Mr. Bader is also perusing a midcareer doctorate at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

I applaud Harry on this appointment and am confident he will make contributions to security and environmental improvement wherever he is assigned by the Corps.●

TRIBUTE TO DONALD DOWD

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I congratulate Don Dowd for his longtime public service to New England and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more than half a century Mr. Dowd has been a fixture in the culture, civic life, and politics of our region of the United States. I also congratulate one of the many organizations with which Mr. Dowd has been associated—Special Olympics Massachusetts, part of the international Special Olympics organized by Eunice Shriver in 1968.

Special Olympics Massachusetts has just moved into a new state-of-the-art office and training center in Marlborough. The Yawkey Sports Training Center has training rooms, a gymnasium and outdoor soccer fields, all right in the heart of Massachusetts, less than a 90-minute drive from 90 percent of the population of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Dowd has been one of the biggest and most active supporters of Special Olympics, a global force for understanding and change, involving 2.5 million athletes representing more than 140 countries. Special Olympics Massachusetts currently serves more than 10,000 athletes and involves 11,000 volunteers and 1,600 coaches. With its new training center, which opened this fall, Special Olympics Massachusetts hopes to expand the program to 20,000 athletes by 2010. Mr. Dowd began his public service career as the Assistant Regional Director of the U.S. Postal Service for the six New England States during the Presidency of John F. Kennedy. He was political adviser to Robert F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign in 1968. And he was an aide and close friend to Senator Edward M. Kennedy throughout Ted's entire 47-year career in the Senate. Mr. Dowd coordinated the 1979 opening of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and has served as a member of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Board since its inception. Mr. Dowd continues to do consulting work since his retirement from his regional executive position with the Coca-Cola Company.

He is a lifelong resident of Springfield, MA, and as such once played a little known role in getting Ted Kennedy to make a cameo appearance in a video production. Twentieth Century Fox had invited every town named Springfield to enter videos to make the case that their town should be the Springfield in "The Simpsons" animated movie and television program,

and it was no secret that the mayor in the Simpsons cartoon was a spoof on Ted.

Mr. President, I thank Mr. Dowd for his service and dedication to our region and our country. And I congratulate Special Olympics Massachusetts on their new facilities and express my appreciation for all it contributes to the physical, social, and psychological development of people with intellectual disabilities.●

RECOGNIZING SHAW AND TENNEY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a Maine small business with a long standing reputation for producing elegant and practical instruments used by the maritime industry. Founded in 1858, Shaw and Tenney of Orono, ME, has been producing renown, specialty handcrafted wooden oars and paddles for over a century and a half. Indeed, Shaw and Tenney is the oldest continuing producer of solid wooden paddles and oars in America, as well as the third oldest manufacturer of marine products in the country.

This historic company got its start on the banks of the Stillwater River near Orono where its founder, Frank Tenney, first launched his signature oars and paddles as part of the Orono Manufacturing Company. During the 19th century, Maine rivers and coastal waters served as a critical highway network for transporting people and goods throughout the State. Small boats such as skiffs, peapods, and canoes were several of the major vessels employed in promoting greater commerce, and Mr. Tenney's quality oars and paddles served as an indispensable tool in helping to propel major industries to new heights across the State. In the 1890s, Mr. Tenney merged his small manufacturing company with the Boston-based George Shaw Company, which produced similar goods. Together they formed what is now formally known as Shaw and Tenney.

The newly merged business soon moved to downtown Orono's Main Street and remained there until nearly 1950, when it relocated again to the company's current location at 20 Water Street. The Tenney family retained ownership until about 1970 when the company underwent three short-lived transitions to new owners. The current proprietors, Steve and Nancy Holt, share the privilege of carrying forward the legacy of this unique novelty company. Since the Holts came aboard, they have expanded the company's product line to include other specialty products such as masts, spars, boat hooks, and flagpoles. At the same time, the Holts take pride in producing the same quality product that's earned Shaw and Tenney its stellar reputation for dependable marine instruments.

More than just ordinary oars and paddles, the Shaw and Tenney product line is composed of individual pieces of art specially handcrafted to be both practical and refined. Much of the com-

pany's well-earned success lies in the quality of the raw material used to construct its distinguished oars and paddles. To make its flat- and spoon-bladed oars, Shaw and Tenney mostly utilizes clear, solid, eastern red spruce supplied by two mills located within a 50-mile radius of the company's facility. In fact, clear red spruce has the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any North American softwood, providing the finished products with a noticeable lightweight durability. Each piece of lumber is carefully critiqued before generating the exceptional, distinct oar or paddle.

Shaw and Tenney's artifacts are showcased across the country and, indeed, the world. Its traditional rowing oars can be found at places as diverse as California's Disneyland and the Royal Saudi Naval Force's whale boats. Domestic travelers will also notice Shaw and Tenney oars in Las Vegas as gondoliers ferry visitors around the city's reproduction of Venice's Grand Canal. Furthermore, many U.S. Marines give the company's paddles as a gift when an officer leaves the ranks and it is not uncommon for customers to request fancy oars to use as balusters or stair rails in their homes.

Shaw and Tenney has truly crafted a legendary product that highlights the ingenuity and craftsmanship of Mainers. Since its start on the banks of a small Maine river, this impressive small business has blossomed into a trusted and worldwide leader in its specialized industry. Congratulations to everyone at Shaw and Tenney for over 150 years of their extraordinary handiwork, and I offer my best wishes for their continued success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3029. An act to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems.